

FIREWOOD ALERT!

Don't bring firewood into Vermont:
It's the law.



INVASIVE **TREE-KILLING PESTS** CAN HITCHHIKE IN YOUR **FIREWOOD**

Why is moving firewood a problem?

Moving firewood carries insect pests to new places. Dozens of emerald ash borer infestations have been found in or near campgrounds.

What is the rule about moving firewood in Vermont?

Cut firewood cannot be brought into Vermont without a certification that it is heat treated.

How do I know if my firewood is certified?

Certified firewood is labeled to show that it was heat treated at 160°F for at least 75 minutes. Wood that has a US Department of Agriculture label saying that it is certified under "all applicable" federal and state quarantines has been adequately heat treated. "Kiln dried" wood may not be.

Can campers bring firewood from Vermont to other states?

There are firewood regulations throughout our region. Find out about other state quarantines at firewood.vt.gov.

Can I move firewood within Vermont?

The rule does not apply to firewood that was harvested in Vermont. However, firewood can carry pests from one region of the state to another. Get wood from the closest source possible. Anything over 50 miles is risky. Within 25 miles is better.

Where can I get campfire wood?

Contact the campground you'll be visiting. Most have firewood available at a reasonable price, or can direct you to a local source. If the firewood wasn't harvested nearby, make sure it has a label certifying that it was heat treated. Don't take unpackaged firewood to your next destination.

I already moved firewood. How can I dispose of it properly?

The best option is to burn it quickly, completely, and safely. Rake up bark or other debris and burn them as well. Do not leave it on site or carry it to a new location.

What about scrap lumber?

Although the rule doesn't apply to lumber, remember that any wood that isn't heat treated could carry live insects or diseases. Don't burn lumber that is pressure-treated with preservatives, because it will release toxic compounds. Painted wood, and products that contain glue, may release toxins as well.

Where can I get more information?

For more information about Vermont's firewood rule, go to firewood.vt.gov or contact the VT Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation at 802-828-1531.

For more information about the national campaign, go to dontmovefirewood.org.